Near collision of Aircrafts during Repubic day Parade

†2357. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that during rehearsal of Republic Day parade an incident was averted when one Sukhoi aircraft and one plane of Air India came so close that they could have been collided with each other;

(b) if so, tne details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the results of the said investigation; and

(e) the details of precautions and corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken during such air rehearsals in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A Su-30 aircraft of the Indian Air Force and an Airbus A-310 of Air India came close to each other during the rehearsal of the Republic Day parade on 23rd January, 2005.

(c) to (e) The matter is under investigation with the Director General, Civil Aviatiion (DGCA)/Ministry of Civil Aviation. Officers from the Indian Air Force are also participating. The report is yet to be submitted by the DGCA.

A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway in the Indian Air Force to enhance and upgrade flight safety.

Welfare Schemes for Ex-Servicemen

†2358. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes for welfare, rehabilitation and employment of Ex-servicemen being implemented up to 28th February, 2005;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.